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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

DCI/ICS-82-4255  
6 August 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA:

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Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

[REDACTED]

Chairman

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SUBJECT:

A Brief Survey of Intelligence Community Efforts Concerning  
Biological/Chemical Warfare [REDACTED]

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1. Dr. Manfred Eimer, ACDA, recently asked [REDACTED] if the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) should look at the BW/CW warfare problem. Before responding, we conducted a brief survey of Community activities in this regard. Though limited in scope, the survey--as the attached report illustrates--showed a considerable effort already under way that has high-level visibility and is seemingly devoid of significant cross-cutting, Community-wide issues which would warrant CIPC involvement. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. Briefly, interviews at CIA, DIA, and NSA identified BW/CW efforts across the Intelligence Community including specific tasks at WSSIC, STIC, and STAP and a Priority Collection Project (PCP-IV). The attached informal report lists the people and organizations contacted and contains a brief status report on each major activity. [REDACTED] 25X1

3. We did not review the coordination of the overall effort nor did we address the extent to which these ongoing efforts would support BW/CW treaty negotiation, monitoring and verification. The DCI's appointment of Dr. [REDACTED] (CIA/OSWR) as the Intelligence Community focal point for Chemical Biological Warfare/Toxin Use and the formation of a new Interagency Working Group on CBW/Toxin Use Intelligence is designed to improve coordination. With regard to treaty verification, NSDD-18 (US Chemical and Biological Weapons Arms Control Policy) called for the preparation of studies by the Interdepartmental Group (IG) on CBW Arms Control and, where required, [REDACTED] 25X1

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submission of recommendations on a number of issues related to the implementation of US policy in both the biological weapons (BW) and chemical weapons (CW) arms control area. Those studies were recently completed and the results and recommendations forwarded to the State Department. The Interdepartmental Group also has under way a detailed study on verification of a complete chemical weapons prohibition. It will include sections on verification requirements, monitoring capabilities, specific measures for meeting the requirements, and recommendations for a US position on verification of a multilateral convention prohibiting chemical weapons. The Intelligence Community (with coordination by the Arms Control Staff) is responsible for drafting the section on monitoring capabilities and limitations, with DoD and ACDA largely responsible for drafting other sections.

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4. In view of the considerable attention already being given to the BW/CW problem, and without a more specific set of issues and problems to work against, Dr. Eimer was advised that the ICS did not believe the situation justified CIPC involvement. Upon completion of the BW/CW papers you requested, and the verification study mentioned above, you might desire to re-examine this decision. Considering the issues involved, it would seem that the WSSIC or the aforementioned new Community Working Group on CBW/Toxin use would be the proper forum to examine the problem. Should significant cross-cutting, Community-wide issues become apparent, the CIPC would be the proper forum.

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